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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR
INVESTITURE OF COALITION GOVERNMENT

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1. WE WILL BE TRYING TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON
EXACT PROCEDURES FOR INVESTITURE OF NEW COALITION
GOVERNMENT BUT TO DATE THE LAO PARTIES THEMSELVES
HAVE NOT WORKED OUT THIS MATTER. WE BELIEVE THAT
SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF THE LAO PROTOCOL
(REF B), IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO
SEND A SIMILAR MESSAGE WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS FORMED.

2. SUBSEQUENT PARAGRAPHS CONTAIN OUR PROPOSED TEXT
FOR THIS MESSAGE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE
DEPARTMENT WOULD FURNISH US WITH FRENCH TRANSLATION
OF FINAL FORM OF THIS MESSAGE.

3. BEGIN TEXT: ON THE OCCASION OF THE INVESTITURE
OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION OF
THE KINGDOM OF LAOS, I AM PLEASED TO EXPRESS TO YOU
THE SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERN-

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MENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I WOULD ALSO

LIKE TO CONVEY MY PERSONAL ADMIRATION FOR THE STATES-MAN-LIKE ROLE YOU HAVE PLAYED IN ENDING THE WAR IN YOUR COUNTRY. THIS HISTORIC EVENT MARKS NOT ONLY THE CRUCIAL MILESTONE ON THE LONG ROAD TOWARD PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN LAOS, BUT ALSO REPRESENTS A MOST SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD A JUST AND HONORABLE PEACE FOR INDOCHINA AS A WHOLE.

I AM PLEASED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, HIGHNESS, TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST YOU IN THE DIFFICULT WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT THAT LIES AHEAD. WE ANTICIPATE FULL AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION WITH ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, AND, AS OVER THE PAST YEAR, OUR ACTIONS WILL BE GUIDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 1973 LAOS AGREEMENT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOL. THE UNITED STATES WILL RESPECT THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAOS ACCORDS, AND THOSE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM RELATED TO LAOS. WE INSIST THAT ALL PARTIES IN THE FORMER LAO CONFLICT DO THE SAME.

AS THE THOUGHTS AND ENERGIES OF ALL LAO PATRIOTS TURN NOW TO THE ENDEAVOR TO INCREASE THE WELL-BEING OF THE LAO PEOPLE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL BE AS STEADFAST IN YOUR SUPPORT AS WE WERE IN ASSISTING YOU TO DEFEND YOUR COUNTRY AGAINST AGGRESSION. END TEXT.
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